# POULTON-LE-FYLDE

# URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for

1961

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Medical Officer of Health

# POULTON-LE-FYLDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## HEALTH COMMITTEE

## 1961

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| Chairman of the Health Committee | Councillor J.L.Kidd Whitaker |
| Vice Chairman of the Health Committee | Councillor H.W.Rogers |

Councillor Mrs.G.M.A.Abbott J.P. Chairman of the Council

Councillor W.Haythornthwaite Vice Chairman of the Council

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| Councillor A. Bennett | |
| Councillor G. Bentley | |
| Councillor J. Carrabine | |
| Councillor R. Eastham | |
| Councillor F. Elwood | From October, 1961 |
| Councillor G. Hadman | |
| Councillor S. Hanham | |
| Councillor F. Lofthouse | |
| Councillor E. Mellalieu | |
| Councillor T. J. Minshull | Died August, 1961 |
| Councillor J. Ratcliffe | |
| Councillor A. J. Wylde | |

## Health Department Staff

| | |
|---|---|
| Medical Officer of Health | C. Robertson Wilson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Edin).<br>Divisional Medical Officer,<br>Divisional Health Offices,<br>29 Station Road,<br>Kirkham.<br>Tel: Kirkham 2138/9 |
| Public Health Inspector | J. A. Lofthouse, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. |
| General Clerk | J. P. Hanson |

## Council Officers

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|---|---|
| Clerk of the Council | A. Senior, F.C.C.S., A.A.C.C.A. |
| Engineer & Surveyor | T. D. Manning, M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.H. |

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1961. Apology must be offered for its later than usual appearance, but Committee members will recall that other pressing duty rather overwhelmed the Department for some time during this past summer.

There were no outbreaks of notifiable infectious diseases of any real moment during 1961. It was a year of greater measles prevalence (72 cases against 36 in 1960) but this is no great incidence in a population of twelve and a half thousand.

Note should be made of the fact that two cases of Poliomyelitis occurred in the Urban District but there was no spread. This says something for the effect of the immunisation campaign against this disease, but we cannot be complacent nor let the public think that we are entirely satisfied with the number of younger people over school age who have come forward. We should not have to wait for the publicity of some public figures being stricken down to stimulate demand.

The Birth Rate was down a little on the figure for 1960, and the Death Rate up a little. The Infant Mortality Rate was improved at 25 per 1,000 live births (1960-27) Looking at the causes of death, diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for 42% of all the deaths, malignant growths being next in incidence at 15.8%.

In this latter connection may I draw attention to the table on page 7. From this it is seen that out of 13 deaths attributed to specific sites in the body, 6, or nearly one half, were situated in the lungs or bronchial tubes. This is in line with responsible statements that lung cancer has of recent years been increasing and that cigarette smokers are THIRTY TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN OTHERS to contract it.

During 1961 the Poulton mortuary was closed and the facilities offered at Thornton-Cleveleys contracted for. We had made some improvements at Poulton but it was impracticable to make the premises really in line with modern requirements for pathological examinations.

My thanks are due to Mr. Lofthouse and Mr. Hanson for unfailingly efficient and cheerful service in the Department, to the Clerk of the Council, and to yourself, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Health Committee for your interest.

Yours faithfully,

C. ROBERTSON WILSON,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the North by Thornton-Cleveleys Urban District, on the East and South by the Parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton and on the West by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the District is formed by three representatives from each of the following five wards:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Poulton North | Hardhorn |
| Poulton East | Carleton |
| Poulton West | |

The District is mainly residential, and most of the industrial population is employed by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the British Railway, building trades and in agriculture.

| | |
|---|---|
| Estimated Population for mid 1961 | 12,780 |
| Population (1961 Census) | 12,600 |
| Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate book at the end of 1961 | 4,675 |
| Area of District in Acres | 2,272 |
| Rateable Value | £ 163,775 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | £ 660 |

BIRTHS

197 births were registered during the year. 89 males and 108 females. The birth rate was 15.4 per 1,000 population. There were 4 illegitimate births and 2 stillbirths.

Corrected birth rates of recent years were:-

| Year | Rate | No. of Births |
|---|---|---|
| 1957 | 16.2 | 164 |
| 1958 | 15.3 | 173 |
| 1959 | 14.1 | 175 |
| 1960 | 16.2 | 220 |
| 1961 | 15.4 | 197 |

## Infantile Mortality Rate

| | Poulton-le-Fylde | England & Wales |
|---|---|---|
| Infant Mortality Rate | 25.4 | 21.4 |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate | 15.2 | 15.5 |
| Stillbirth Rate | 10.1 | 18.7 |
| Maternal Mortality Rate | N I L | 0.33 |

## DEATHS

Total 159 Males 91 Females 68

The crude death rate was 12.4 per 1,000 population.

The adjusted death rate was 15.3 per 1,000 population.
(Comparability Factor 1.23)

## Deaths and Death Rates of Recent Years

| Year | Rate | Deaths |
|---|---|---|
| 1957 | 12.8 | 119 |
| 1958 | 12.1 | 118 |
| 1959 | 14.5 | 145 |
| 1960 | 14.8 | 152 |
| 1961 | 15.3 | 159 |

## AGE GROUPS

The table shows the arrangement of deaths in the age groups.

| Age Group | Males | Females | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 year | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 - 5 | - | - | - |
| 6 - 15 | - | 1 | 1 |
| 16 - 25 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 26 - 35 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 36 - 45 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 46 - 55 | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| 56 - 65 | 20 | 12 | 32 |
| 66 - 75 | 36 | 24 | 60 |
| 76 - 85 | 22 | 20 | 42 |
| 86 - 95 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 91 | 68 | 159 |

## CAUSES OF DEATH

| Cause of Death | Males | Females | Total | Total % of Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | - | 1 | 0.63 |
| Tuberculosis, other forms | - | - | - | - |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 3 | - | 3 | 1.90 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3.84 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 2 | 2 | 1.26 |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - | 2 | 2 | 1.26 |
| Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms | 5 | 7 | 12 | 7.50 |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia | - | - | - | - |
| Diabetes | - | - | - | - |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 11 | 14 | 25 | 15.83 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 28 | 9 | 37 | 23.32 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3.12 |
| Other circulatory diseases | 6 | 2 | 8 | 5.00 |
| Other heart diseases | 7 | 10 | 17 | 10.64 |
| Influenza | - | 2 | 2 | 1.26 |
| Pneumonia | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3.12 |
| Bronchitis | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2.52 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 2 | - | 2 | 1.26 |
| Ulcer of stomach & duodenum | 1 | - | 1 | 0.63 |
| Nephritis & Nephrosis | - | - | - | - |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 3 | - | 3 | 1.90 |
| Syphilitic disease | 1 | - | 1 | 0.63 |
| Other defined & ill defined diseases | 7 | 8 | 15 | 9.34 |
| Suicide | - | - | - | - |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2.52 |
| All other accidents | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2.52 |
| TOTAL | 91 | 68 | 159 | 100.00 |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

94 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year as follows:-

Scarlet Fever:- 3 cases were notified. There were 13 cases in 1960.

Whooping Cough:- 10 cases occurred during 1961. 3 the previous year.

Acute Poliomyelitis:- 2 cases. None the previous year. These cases occurred in children of school age. The two families involved were isolated and parents kept away from work. Both children made a good recovery.

Measles:- There were 72 cases during 1961. 36 the previous year. A comparison of the following figures will show the incidence of the disease in the foregoing ten years.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1951 | 146 cases | 1956 | 9 cases |
| 1952 | 47 cases | 1957 | 240 cases |
| 1953 | 23 cases | 1958 | N O N E |
| 1954 | 104 cases | 1959 | 155 cases |
| 1955 | 48 cases | 1960 | 36 cases |

1961 72 cases

Diphtheria

No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Dysentery

1 case occurred during the year. 6 the previous year.

Acute Pneumonia

1 case was notified. 2 the previous year.

Tuberculosis

At the close of 1961 there were 37 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, 4 cases of non-pulmonary, and 1 case of pulmonary and non-pulmonary on the register.

There were 2 new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year.

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible mainly for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis, and the County Council for the prevention and control of the disease.

A Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council, and Hospital and Chest Clinic facilities are provided by the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

Erysipelas 3 cases were notified. 4 the previous year.

## Control of Notifiable Infectious Diseases

A thorough investigation is made on the occurrence of a case of notifiable disease, and where necessary specimens of faeces and vomit are collected and forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis.

Disinfectant fluid is issued to cases of infectious diseases; and terminal disinfection by fumigation is carried out when necessary, and on request.

Infectious Disease Visits ... ... 15

Disinfections Carried Out ... ... 2

## Table of Cases of Notifiable Diseases, 1961.

| Notifiable Disease | Total Cases At all ages | Age periods - years | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0- | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15-25 | Over 25 |
| Scarlet Fever | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 10 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | 3 | 1 | - | - |
| Measles | 72 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 8 | 33 | 3 | - | - |
| Dysentery | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Pneumonia | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |

## VITAL STATISTICS

### LIVE BIRTHS

| | |
|---|---|
| Number | 197 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | 15.4 |
| Illegitimate live births as a percent of total live births | 2.0 |

### STILLBIRTHS

| | |
|---|---|
| Number | 2 |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths | 10.1 |
| Total live and stillbirths | 199 |

### INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year)

### Infant Mortality Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births | 25.4 |
| Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births | 25.3 |
| Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births | 500.0 |

(There were 2 deaths out of 4 illegitimate live births)

| | |
|---|---|
| Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under i week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) | 20.1 |
| Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) | 10.2 |
| Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) | 15.2 |

### MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of deaths | N I L |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths | N I L |

## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, Food Poisoningetc. are available to all Medical Practitioners at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Elswick Sanatorium, and the Public Health Laboratory, Preston.

## THE MORTUARY

The mortuary premises are situated in the yard at the rear of the Town Hall.

From 1st August, 1961, the use of the mortuary was discontinued and arrangements were made for the mortuary at Thornton-Cleveleys to be used for cases from Poulton-le-Fylde.

This became necessary due to the facilities and working conditions for the pathologist, at Poulton, being below the accepted standard.

The number of times the premises were in use during the period 1st January, to 31st July is shown below.

| 1961 | Cases admitted from | |
|---|---|---|
| | Poulton-le-Fylde | Other Districts |
| January | 1 | 1 |
| February | 3 | - |
| March | 1 | - |
| April | 2 | - |
| May | - | 1 |
| June | 2 | - |
| July | 2 | - |
| TOTAL | 11 | 2 |

## Clinic and Treatment Centres

There are no clinic or treatment centres directly under the control of the Local Authority.

The clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde, was in use during 1961. School clinic sessions were held twice weekly, on Tuesday and Friday mornings and a child welfare session every Tuesday afternoon by the School and Child Welfare Department of the Lancashire County Council.

## HOSPITALS

There is no hospital situated in the District.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals, of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee; and the Preston Royal Infirmary of the Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

### Ambulance Facilities

The Lancashire County Council administers the ambulance Service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained either from this station or from Fleetwood.

At Thornton an ambulance dual purpose vehicle and car are on call; an ambulance and car are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis throughout the year.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47

There were no applications made for removal during 1961.

## MEDICAL STAFF OF CLINIC

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|---|---|
| Dr.D.C.Marshall | Assistant Divisional Medical Officer,Lancs.County Council. |
| Miss L.Gilbert | Health Visitor and School Nurse |
| Miss R.Shaw | Health Visitor and School Nurse |
| Mrs.J.H.Mallandaine,<br>30 Moorway,<br>Poulton-le-Fylde.<br>Tel: 3528 | Midwife |
| Mrs.R.A.Ronson,<br>18 Fylde Road,<br>Poulton-le-Fylde.<br>Tel: 2529 | District Nurse |
| Miss M.Beswick,<br>27 Wembley Avenue,<br>Poulton-le-Fylde.<br>Tel: 2986 | District Nurse |

## WATER SUPPLY

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

During 1961 new connections were made to 330 new houses and flatlets from public mains supply.

A total of 4796 houses was supplied from public mains at the end of the year.

Only one house in the town obtains water from a private supply.

### Sampling

45 samples of water were taken, for examination at the Public Health Laboratory, these were obtained from various addresses about the town.

43 of the samples were satisfactory. 2 unsatisfactory.

## HOUSING CONDITIONS

The standard of housing in the town is good, the district having a high proportion of new properties. A number of the older houses are unfit and will require attention under the Housing Acts.

The majority of minor housing defects discovered were remedied by informal action.

### Overcrowding

Some overcrowding of dwellings occurred in the District, and it was necessary for the Council to rehouse two families for overcrowding reasons.

The principal cause appeared to be young married families living with their parents.

Approximately 150 applicants were on the waiting list for Council houses; two thirds of these were for 2 or 3 bedroomed houses and one third for bungalows.

### Private Building

During the year 322 houses and 8 flatlets were erected and more families from outside areas became resident in Poulton-le-Fylde.

Dwellings Erected during 1961

WARDS

| NORTH | | | EAST | | | WEST | | | CARLETON | | | HARDHORN | | | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H. | F. | B. | H. | F. | B. | H. | F. | B. | H. | F. | B. | H. | F. | B. | |
| - | - | 17 | - | - | 28 | 15 | - | 16 | 14 | - | 89 | 84 | 9 | 58 | 330 |

H : houses F: flats B : bungalows

## DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

One sewer was under construction during the year, this was the Carleton Relief Sewer. Two new sewers were completed during the year these were the Horsebridge Dyke Valley Sewer and the Victoria Gardens Estate Relief Sewer.

330 new houses and flatlets were connected to the sewerage system during 1961.

## SUMMARY OF REPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Population ... ... ... ... ... | 12,780 an increase of 180 on the population figure for 1960. |
| Births ... ... ... ... ... | 197 births registered. |
| Birth Rate ... ... ... ... ... | 15.4 per 1,000 population. |
| Average England and Wales ... ... | 17.4 per 1,000 population. |
| Deaths ... ... ... ... ... | 159 deaths registered. |
| Death Rate ... ... ... ... ... | 15.3 per 1,000 population. |
| Average England and Wales ... ... | 12.0 per 1,000 population. |
| Infectious Diseases ... ... ... | 94 cases of infectious diseases were notified. |
| Housing ... ... ... ... ... | 330 new houses and flatlets erected. |
| Water Supply ... ... ... ... ... | 45 samples obtained. |
| Sewerage ... ... ... ... ... | The Horsebridge Dyke Valley Sewer and the Victoria Gardens Relief Sewer were completed and the Carleton Relief Sewer under construction. |

Public Health Department.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report of the Public Health Inspector for 1961.

The Council's new van was delivered in January. This is used jointly by the various Departments in the Town Hall, and is an improvement on travel by bus. The further parts of the District are now readily accessible and less time is wasted in waiting for buses and walking from one address to another.

Two Clearance Areas were prepared and presented during the year, Higher Green No.2 Area, and Chapel Street Court Area. Other housing work resulted in two shacks at Normoss being demolished and Closing Orders being made on two premises.

Advantage was taken of the Standard Grant Scheme by owners of eight houses, where bathrooms and hot water were installed, greatly improving the living conditions in their homes.

It was again necessary to devote a great deal of time to the inspection of the meat supplies at the two local slaughterhouses. 10,292 animals were inspected during 1961.

Some sampling of the water supplies, milk and ice-cream was carried out, but this is not considered sufficient. This work is better done systematically and regularly, a method we have not yet been able to apply in the Health Department.

This short review would be incomplete without a word of sincere thanks to Councillor J. L. Kidd Whitaker, Chairman of the Health Committee for 1961, for his constant support, and the keen active interest he has shown in all Public Health matters, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C. Robertson Wilson, and members of the Committee are thanked for their continued support, and colleagues in the Town Hall for co-operation.

Mr. Hanson proved to be a useful and willing assistant, who worked well during the year.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. LOFTHOUSE,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

# INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

## Sanitary Inspections

1756 visits were made to 385 premises during 1961.

48 defects or nuisances were discovered and 25 abated; it was necessary to serve 3 informal notices and 4 abatement notices.

### WORK CARRIED OUT AS A RESULT OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL ACTION

| | |
|---|---|
| Dampness of walls remedied ... ... ... | 2 |
| Roofs repaired ... ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Eaves gutters renewed or repaired ... | 1 |
| Yards repaved ... ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Floors relaid ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| Windows repaired ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| Re-pointing of brickwork ... ... ... | 1 |
| W.C.'s repaired ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| Drain ventilation pipe lengthened ... | 1 |
| Pollution of pond remedied ... ... ... | 1 |

## Sanitary Accommodation

The following list shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at the 31st December, 1961, and those for the previous year.

| | 1961 | 1960 |
|---|---|---|
| Water Closets ... ... ... ... | 5172 | 4842 |
| Pail Closets ... ... ... ... | 8 | 10 |
| Privies ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | 4 |
| Movable Dustbins ... ... ... | 5066 | 4736 |
| Waste Water Closets ... ... ... | N I L | N I L |

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Cleansing Service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor who supplied the following information.

### Collection of Refuse

This was effected by means of two vehicles, one working full time and the other three days per week.

A weekly collection of refuse was undertaken.

### Disposal

Refuse was taken to the Council's tip at Skippool Marsh and deposited. A workman controlled and levelled the tipping.

This tip is rapidly being filled, and a new tipping site will have to be brought into use.

Proposal are in hand for a scheme of land reclamation on the river bank, by filling in an area of land, behind an embankment with domestic refuse.

During 1961 approximately 5,000 dustbins were emptied every week.

### Details of Service

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of bins emptied ... ... ... ... | 259,300 | |
| Weight of refuse collected ... ... ... ... | 4,368 | Tons |
| Cost for collection and disposal ... ... ... | £ 8,163 | |
| Weight of salvage sold ... ... ... ... ... | 168 | Tons |
| Value ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | £ 1,249 | |
| (cost of baling £ 891) | | |

### Road Sweeping

The Council's workmen swept approximately 589 miles of highway during the year.

## RODENT AND INSECT PESTS

One trained operative is employed, part-time on the eradication of rats and mice; various methods are used and such poisons as zinc phosphide, arsenic and warfarin are laid as baits.

## INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS UNDERTAKEN

| Type of premises | Number of Inspections | Number of Treatment Visits |
|---|---|---|
| Dwelling houses | 69 | 209 |
| Business premises | 17 | 56 |
| Local Authority property | 14 | 81 |
| Agricultural property | 13 | 56 |

## DISINFESTATION

The infestations dealt with during the year were for cockroaches, flies, fleas, ants and wasps.

D.D.T. in liquid, powder and smoke form were all used with good results and follow up treatments were not found to be necessary.

## DISINFESTATION VISITS (INSECT PESTS)

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of houses found to be infested ... | 48 |
| Number of houses disinfested ..... | 48 |

## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected by private contractors during the year .. 322

Number of houses erected by Local Authority .. .. .. .. 8

1. **Inspection of Dwelling Houses**

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected .. .. .. 96
(b) Number of inspections made .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 194
(c) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being made fit.

Number found during year.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 25
Number existing at end of year .. .. .. .. .. .. 21

(d) Dwelling houses not in all respects reasonably fit for habitation but capable of being made fit .. .. .. 17

2. **Houses Demolished or Closed**

| | Houses Demolished | Displaced during Year | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Persons | Families |
| In clearance areas | | | |
| (a) Houses unfit for habitation | - | 2 | 1 |
| (b) Houses included for bad arrangement | - | - | - |
| Not in clearance areas | | | |
| (c) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17 Housing Act, 1957 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| | Houses Closed | | |
| Houses closed under Housing Act, Sec.16(4),17(1) & 35(1) | 2 | 5 | 2 |

3. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied

(a) After informal action by Local Authority .. .. .. 4

(b) After formal notice under Public Health Acts .. .. 2

4. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

| | No. of Houses | No. of occupants in houses |
|---|---|---|
| Houses in clearance areas | - | - |

5. Improvement Grants

| | ..ction during year | No. Schemes | No. houses affected. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority | - | - |
| (b) | Approved by Local Authority | - | - |
| (c) | Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry | - | - |
| (d) | Finally approved by Ministry | - | - |
| (e) | Work completed | - | - |

6. Standard Grants

| | Action during year | No. schemes | No. houses affected. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Submitted to Local Authority | 8 | 8 |
| (b) | Approved by Local Authority | 8 | 8 |
| (c) | Work completed | 5 | 5 |

7. Certificates of Disrepair

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of applications made | Nil |
| Number of Certificates issued | Nil |
| Applications made for the Cancellation of Certificates | Nil |

## HOUSING INSPECTIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Certificates of Disrepair .. .. .. .. .. | Nil |
| Improvement Grants.. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 84 |
| Demolition Orders .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 11 |
| Housing Visits.. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 76 |
| Temporary Dwellings .. .. .. .. .. .. | 60 |
| Council House Visits .. .. .. .. .. .. | 13 |
| Overcrowding Visits .. .. .. .. .. .. | Nil |

## CAMPING SITES

9 sites were used for camping purposes, housing an estimated maximum number of 1,100 persons in 510 caravans and tents, of these 9 sites 3 were licensed by the Council and were subject to licensing conditions.

| | |
|---|---|
| Inspections of Caravan Sites .. | 97 |
| Visits to temporary Dwellings .. | 60 |

# FOOD INSPECTION

## Food Inspection

The following foodstuffs found to be unfit, were surrendered for disposal:-

| | lbs | ozs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 tin brisling | - | $3\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 1 tin garden peas | - | $15\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1 cooked ham | 9 | 15 |
| 2 tins chicken fillets | | 6 |
| 4 tins smoked saithe | | 15 |
| 1 tin ox tongues | 6 | - |
| 85 chickens | 295 | - |
| 2 tins pork luncheon meat | 8 | - |
| | 321 | $7\frac{1}{4}$ |

## Meat Inspection

Since the easing of control over the slaughter of animals for food in 1954, the number of animals passing through the two licensed slaughterhouses has increased each year. It was necessary during 1961 to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings, on Saturdays and on Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown:-

| Year | No. of animals killed and Inspected |
|---|---|
| 1954 | 1693 |
| 1955 | 3154 |
| 1956 | 6482 |
| 1957 | 6857 |
| 1958 | 7039 |
| 1959 | 7462 |
| 1960 | 8509 |
| 1961 | 10292 |

## Carcases Inspected and Condemned

| | Cattle excluding cows | Cows | Sheep and lambs | Pigs | Calves | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of animals killed and Inspected | 608 | 392 | 6346 | 2761 | 185 | 10292 |
| **All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci** | | | | | | |
| Whole Carcases Condemned | - | 1 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 19 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 57 | 101 | 236 | 347 | 8 | 749 |
| Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticerci | 9.3% | 26% | 6.1% | 3.5% | 12.5% | 7.2% |
| **Tuberculosis** | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | 1 | - | 18 | - | 19 |
| Percentage of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis | - | .25% | - | .6% | - | .18% |
| **Cysticercosis** | | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - | - |

During the year the Ministry of Agriculture,Fisheries & Food invited claims from Local Authorities for monetary awards where the number of animals inspected exceeded the quantity required for consumption in the Authority's own District.

An application was made on behalf of the Council and a sum of £34. 14s. 2d was due for 1961.

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| Slaughterhouse Visits (meat inspection duties) | 882 |
| Number of animals slaughtered and inspected | 10292 |
| Weight of meat rejected as unfit | 2tons 15cwts. 21lbs |

Slaughtering Licenses

At the 31st December, 1961, 10 licenses had been issued by the Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

MILK SUPPLY

There where 20 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1961; and they operated from the following premises:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Dairies in the District | 5 |
| Shops in the District | 15 |

The Lancashire County Council are now the responsible Authority for the issue of Licenses to sell Designated milk, this duty having been transferred from the Urban District Council.

Milk Sampling

12 samples of milk were obtained,locally,during the year,the following table shows the results.

| Type of Milk | Results | |
|---|---|---|
| Tuberculin Tested | 1 Satisfactory | 1 Unsatisfactory |
| Pasteurised | 5 Satisfactory | 1 Unsatisfactory |
| Tuberculin Tested (Past) | 2 Satisfactory | |
| Sterilised | 2 Satisfactory | |

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy and repeat samples obtained.

In the event of the producer being in another District,the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, and to the Area Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; who are able to sample at the source.

## SAMPLING

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr.S.C.Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 65 samples was obtained, consisting of 45 samples of milk (6 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 20 others comprising:-

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Lard | 1 Fish,canned |
| 1 Barley | 1 Blancmange powder |
| 1 Baking powder | 1 Fruit,canned |
| 1 Cheshire cheese | 1 Glycerine B.P. |
| 1 Liquid paraffin | 1 Sauce |
| 1 Cornflour | 1 Golden raising powder |
| 1 Castor oil B.P. | 1 Soya sauce |
| 1 Olive oil | 1 Honey |
| 1 Beef sausages | 1 Dripping |
| 1 Dried fruit | 1 Self raising flour |

All the above samples proved to be genuine.

## Food Premises Visited

| | |
|---|---|
| Bakehouses .. .. .. .. | 4 |
| Grocers' shops .. .. .. | 8 |
| Ice-cream manufacturers.. | 7 |
| Fried Fish shops .. .. | 6 |

## Registrations

1 food shop was registered during the year for the sale and storage of ice-cream.

The total number of registered premises was:-

5 Fried Fish shops
7 Preserved food businesses
1 Ice-cream manufacturer
32 Ice-cream retailers

## SHOP INSPECTIONS

48 Inspections were made under the Shops Acts; informal action only was necessary to remedy contraventions

## FACTORIES

### Inspections

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of Inspections | Number of Written Notices. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Factories in which Sec.1, 2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 2 | 882 | - |
| Factories not included in the above in which Sec.7, is enforced by the Local Authority | 49 | 17 | - |
| Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) | 10 | 6 | - |
| TOTAL | 61 | 905 | - |

Cases in which Defects were found

| Particulars | Found | Remedied | Referred | | No. of Prosec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | To H.M. Inspec. | By H.M. Inspec. | |
| Want of cleanliness | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| (d) Other offences | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | - | - |

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

## 1961

| | |
|---|---|
| Housing Inspections (Improvement Grants) ... ... ... | 84 |
| Housing Inspections (Temporary Dwellings) ... ... ... | 60 |
| Housing Inspections (Demolition Orders) ... ... ... | 11 |
| Housing Inspections (Closing Orders)... ... ... ... | 3 |
| Housing Inspections (Clearance Area)... ... ... ... | 20 |
| Housing Inspections (re Well Maintained Allowance) ... | 3 |
| Council House Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... | 13 |
| Visits to Applicants for Council Houses ... ... ... | 53 |
| | |
| Slaughterhouse Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... | 882 |
| Green Grocers Shop Inspections ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Food Inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| Shop Inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 48 |
| Visits to Food Premises ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| Ice-cream samples taken ... ... ... ... ... ... | 14 |
| Water samples taken ... ... ... ... ... ... | 45 |
| Milk samples taken ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12 |
| | |
| Complaints Investigated and Visits made in connection therewith ... | 130 |
| Revisits to premises previously inspected ... ... ... | 62 |
| Interviews ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 63 |
| Caravan sites visited ... ... ... ... ... ... | 97 |
| Disinfection Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Infectious Disease Visits ... ... ... ... ... | 15 |
| Piggery Inspections (Diseases of Animals Order) ... ... | 19 |
| Disinfestation Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... | 48 |
| Drainage Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 31 |
| Drain Tests ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 19 |
| Visits to Public Conveniences ... ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| Factory Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 17 |
| Visits to Smallpox contact ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| Poultry Farm Visit ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Visits to Pet Shop ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| Watercourse inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| School Inspections ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| Convalescent Home Visits ... ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Smoke Observations ... ... ... ... ... ... | 7 |